a recorder which stores the compressed image.

4.   (Amended) An image processing method for processing images which are recorded in a recording medium, comprising:

a step of commanding a processing to be executed for the image;

a step of setting up rank data in accordance with the commanded processing;

a step of directing to delete the image recorded in said image recording medium;

a step of compressing the image based on said data when the deletion of the image is directed; and,

a step of storing the compressed image.

5.   (Amended) An image processing device for processing images which are recorded in a recording medium, comprising:

an indicator which commands a processing to be executed for the image;

a recorder which records a time when the indicator commands a processing;

a timer which measures an elapsed time since said time; and,

a controller which changes a compression rate, which is set in accordance with an evaluation value for the image, based on output from said timer.

6.   (Amended) The image processing device as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

a detector which detects that said indicator gives no command for a predetermined

time or more based on the output from said timer; and

the controller which controls so as to increase said compression rate based on the

output from said detector.

8.   (Amended) An image processing method for processing images which are

recorded in a recording medium, comprising:

a step of commanding a processing to be executed for the image;

a step of recording a time when the indicator commands a processing;

a step of measuring an elapsed time since said time; and,

a step of charging a compression rate, which is set in accordance with an evaluation

value for the image data, based on said measured date and time.

10.   (Amended) An image processing device for processing images which are

recorded in a recording medium, comprising:

an indicator which commands a processing to be executed for the image;

a controller which sets up an evaluation value in accordance with processing to be

executed for the image;

a recorder which records a time when said indicator commands a processing;

a timer which measures an elapsed time since said time;

a detector which detects that said indicator gives no command for a predetermined

time or more based on the output from said timer; and,

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the controller which sets up a lower evaluation value based on the output from said

detector.

12.   (Amended) An image processing method for processing images which are

recorded in a recording medium, comprising:

a step of commanding a processing to be executed for the image;

a step of setting up an evaluation value in accordance with processing to be

Q6 executed for the image;

a step of recording a time when said processing is commanded;

a step of measuring an elapsed time since said time; and,

a step of setting a lower evaluation value when no command is given for the image

for a predetermined time or more.

Sub Q7 14.   (Amended) An image processing system for processing images which are

recorded in a recording medium, comprising:

Q7 a transfer circuit which transfers images recorded in a first recording medium, into

a second recording medium differing from the first recording medium;

a recorder which records ID data of said second recording medium, said ID data

indicating that the image recorded in said first recording medium is transferred into said

second recording medium;

a deletion directional member which directs to delete the image recorded in said

first recording medium;

a detector which detects whether the image has already been transferred into said

second recording medium based on said data when said deletion directional member directs

to delete the image; and,

an indicator which indicates the detecting result output from said detector.

17. (Amended) An image processing method for processing recorded images,

comprising:

a step of transferring image recorded in a first recording medium, into a second

recording medium differing from the first recording medium;

a step of recording ID data of said second recording medium indicating that the

image is transferred;

a step of directing to delete the image;

a step of determining whether the image has already been transferred into said

second recording medium based on said data when the deletion of the image is directed;

and,

a step of indicating the result.